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SUBJECT: CODEL WILLIAMS/STEVENS

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1. EMBOFF MET WITH MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND PARLIAMENT
SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 23 TO REVIEW SCHEDULING
AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF CODEL VISIT.

2. SCHEDULE: PROPOSED SCHEDULE REMAINS AS APPROVED IN REFTEL,
WITH FOLLOWING COMMENTS;

(A) GOI WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE CALL IN MINISTER OF DEFENSE, BUT
APPRECIATES THAT AVAILABLE TIME MAY NOT PERMIT. TIME FOR CALLS ON
VICE PRESIDENT, FOREIGN MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR PARLIAMENTARY
AFFAIRS STILL TO BE SET, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WILL BE NO
CALL SCHEDULED BETWEEN LUNCH AND 4:00PM CALL ON PRIME MINISTER.

(B) IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS GROUP
(SUCH AS INDIAN COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS) TO HOST LUNCHEON JAN, 6,
WE MAY USE THIS EVENT FOR MEETING WITH BUSINESS COMMUNITY. LOCAL
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION WOULD THEN BE HOST AND DRINKS AT 5:00PM
WOULD BE DROPPED.

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(C) AT DINNER JANUARY 6, VICE PRESIDENT WILL MAKE BRIEF, INFORMAL
AFTER DINNER "SPEECH" WELCOMING DELEGATION'S VISIT TO INDIA.
DELEGATION CHAIRMAN WOULD BE EXPECTED TO REPLY. EMBASSY WILL PRE-
PARE DRAFT TEXT AND TRANSMIT SEPTTEL.

(D) THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT PRESS WILL COME OUT FOR AN EARLY
MORNING MEETING WITH DELEGATION BEFORE ITS DEPARTURE. WE ARE

REVIEWING ALTERNATIVES AND WILL SEND A SEPARATE MESSAGE ADDRESSING THIS QUESTION.

(E) MEA AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIAT WILL ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE FOR DEPARTURE CLEARANCE OF AIRCRAFT WHEN IT LEAVES FOR NEW DELHI FOR AGRA. SECRETARIAT WOULD LIKE TO SEND ESCORT OFFICER WITH CODEL IN AIRCRAFT TO ACCOMPANY THEM DURING AGRA VISIT. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO HAVE OFFICER DRIVE TO AGRA IN ADVANCE TO MEET 9:30AM ARRIVAL. PLEASE ADVISE IF TRAVEL IN PLANE IS POSSIBLE.

3. BRIEFING AT FOREIGN MINISTRY: IN A LATER MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR, FOREIGN SECRETARY MEHTA OFFERED TO LEAD AN MEA BRIEFING FOR DELEGATION IN THE MORNING OF FRIDAY, JANUARY 6. HE EXPLAINED THAT UK PM CALLAGHAN NOW SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE THAT AFTERNOON, PERMITTING MORNING MEETING. (COMMENT: WE RECOMMEND THAT DELEGATION ACCEPT THIS OFFER. TO COMPENSATE, FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOULD THEN BE LEFT AS FREE TIME.)

4. WIVES SCHEDULE: THE SENATORS' WIVES WILL BE INVITED TO THE TWO LUNCHEONS AND TWO DINNERS. IN VIEW OF DELHI'S HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL INTEREST, WE WOULD PROPOSE A LOOSE SCHEDULE OF A CITY TOUR AND SHOPPING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM. PLEASE ADVISE IF THERE IS ANY SPECIAL INTEREST FOR WHICH WE SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS IN ADVANCE.

5. STAFF SCHEDULE: GOI WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE UP TO THREE MEMBERS OF DELEGATION STAFF ACCOMPANY SENATORS ON FORMAL CALLS. ALL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEMBERS OF STAFF WITH SUBSTANTIVE INTEREST WOULD BE INCLUDED IN INVITATIONS TO THE TWO LUNCHEONS AND THE EMBASSY OFFICERS' DINNERS.

5. ACCOMMODATIONS: PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIAT HAS NOT AFFIRMED THAT IT WILL PAY THE COST OF LODGING FOR THE SENATORS AND THEIR WIVES, AND FOR UP TO THREE ACCOMPANYING STAFF MEMBERS. BECAUSE OF INTERNAL REGULATIONS, GUESTS OF THE GOVERNMENT MUST BE LODGED AT THE ASHOKA OR OTHER PUBLICLY OWNED HOTEL. SECRETARIAT HAS ALREADY BLOCKED SOME ROOMS AT THE HOTEL AND IS NOW CHECKING TO SEE WHETHER FULL SET OF EIGHT DOUBLES AND NINE SINGLES IS AVAILABLE. EMBOFF STRESSED THAT, WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE, ENTIRE DELEGATION MUST BE IN THE SAME HOTEL.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) PLEASE CONFIRM THAT CODEL ACCEPTS GOI OFFER OF HOSPITALITY FOR SENATORS AND LIMITED NUMBER OF ACCOMPANYING STAFF. (B) ADVISE IF ESCORT OFFICIAL CAN ACCOMPANY DELEGATION ON FLIGHT TO AGRA. (C) ADVISE IF CODEL ACCEPTS MEA BRIEFING JAN 6 AND, IF SO, WHETHER AFTERNOON SHOULD THEN BE LEFT FREE. GOHEEN

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